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HILL CHOIR GOES ON ANNUAL CONCERT TOUR TO N. Y. C. AND JERSEY THIS WEEK

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LET'S ALL ATTEND SQUIRES' U.F.A. CHOIR CONCERT IN COMMONS FRIDAY NIGHT

from the editor's desk

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Squires Blaze Trail Of Activity

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Chapel Clock Faces Don't Agree

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Our correspondent on this page would undoubtedly characterize the Squires Club enterprise Friday night as "the first sign of life the students have shown in years." And we're inclined to agree with him. When you get right down to it, there is very little individual or collective initiative displayed by the undergraduates. The vast majority of extra-curricular activity is arranged, directed, and even partly executed under the guiding, fatherly hands of the faculty. So all praise to the Squires for blazing what should become a well worn trail.

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Ever since we've been here the chapel clock has always been either ahead or behind the correct eastern time. Amazingly enough there have been few if any complaints about this. It seems to be taken for granted. No one seems to mind the fact that trains, movies, radio programs, and the rest of the civilized world is existing either in Hamilton's future or her past. We plod along under our own time system and seem to be perfectly happy. But it's time to kick, we figure, when the three faces of the clock start disagreeing with each other. Anything up to that point is alright, but there is a limit to individuality even in anything, so we hereby register our protests with the persons responsible.

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Tip to the seniors: There is a new book in the library entitled "The Strategy of Job Finding", by Lyons and Martin.

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Too bad there weren't more spectators at the frosh-Morrisville basketball game. It was a contest worth seeing, and a bit more support from rooters might have made the game a victory for the yearlings. The frosh did their part —where were you?

Writer Suggests New Publication

Merging of Ham Life With Gaboon Is Advocated By Correspondent

To the Editor:

It is literally nothing short of amazing that a group of approximately 450 men can live together in the unusually close and constant proximity to each other that the geographical location of this college necessitates, and yet produce so minute a quantity of original action and expression, and apparently, the thought that is the basis of such action and expression.

The weight of the cry that the Hill and the people on it are dead has reached the ineffectuality of triteness and there is obviously no point in repetition. Perhaps the efforts of the new dean in his office of student extra-curricular activities adviser will fill the gap.

The present situation is as follows: The one organization on the Hill which is capable of and should be the leader of, and power behind, campus activities is **Hamilton Life.** It is definitely neither of these, however. On the contrary, it has and is vegetating. It is a calm, unruffled puddle in the middle of a back road that no one uses. As a matter of fact, **Ham Life** seems to have reached a point of actual standoffishness to any

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Squires to Present U.F.A. A Capella Choir On Friday

Concert by Utica School Musical Group Will Be Given in Chapel

The Utica Free Academy A Capella and Speaking Choirs will present a program entitled "Words With and Without Music" next Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the College Chapel. These two groups, who have played before more than three thousand people in this vicinity, are being brought to the Hill by the Squires Club.

The A Capella Choir is under the leadership of Miss Marcella C. Lally. It is composed of fifty mixed voices of U. F. A. pupils. In addition to having made several commercial broadcasts, the choir has appeared before numerous civic groups such as the Rotary, Kiwanis, and B Sharp Clubs. On March 23 it will be heard over the national network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. In speaking of the group, Dr. A. P. Saunders, professor emeritus of chemistry, recently said, "The A Capella Choir is extraordinarily good. The young voices have a wonderful freshness. Miss Lally shows herself to be a person of remarkable talent. I enjoyed the Choir's performance very much and recommend its virtuosity to everyone."

A Hamilton alumnus, Owens Roberts, '25, is the director of the Speaking Choir, an organization composed of forty voices. Its purpose is to present poetry entertainingly and pleasantly through the richness and variety of the speaking voice. The poems to be presented will include selections from Noyes, Kipling, Stephens, Belloc, Lindsay, and others. The voices are divided into four classifications, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Despite the fact that the Choir is a new organization, it has become very popular in Utica and vicinity, and has presented programs over the radio on several occasions. On May 3 it will go to St. Lawrence University to give a performance there.

Mr. Roberts has contributed material about the Speaking Choir to a recent best-selling English textbook entitled "English In Action." He has also established a speech laboratory at U. F. A., toward the expenses of which the proceeds of the Choir's concerts are donated.

Directs Choir on Trip

Professor Paul A. Fancher

Reporter Compares Sextet To Former Hockey Teams

Finds Season's Results Tie Two All-Time Records; Sixth Best Year

The successful hockey season of 1939-40 came to an unsuccessful conclusion Saturday night when a hard fighting Williams sextet dropped the Continental squad, 1-0. But the Campus is still buzzing with undergraduate praise as some 450-odd Hamiltonians point with pride to the fine team record of nine wins against only four losses.

But just how well does the record of the present edition of the Hamilton hockey sextet stack up against those of former years? For the curious, **Life** reports the following findings of its actuarial staff.

After digging around in the

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Scarlet Fever Case Reported

Midgley, '43, Hospitalized; Infirmary Quarantine Ends Thursday

The College Infirmary reported last Thursday the first case of scarlet fever on the Hill in several years. The victim, Elwin W. Midgley, '43, was removed to the General Hospital in Utica.

Since Midgley was in the infirmary for two days before definite symtoms of the disease appeared, undergraduates with whom he associated were not placed under strict quarantine. Instead, his roommates and Lambda Chi fraternity brothers were required to submit to the Dick test to ascertain their susceptibility to scarlet fever. The men who showed a positive reaction have been reporting to the infirmary twice a day for a check-up. Undergraduates who were sick in the infirmary while Midgley was there have been under quarantine for a week.

No additional men who failed to react negatively to the Dick test have been admitted to the infirmary for attention during the period of quarantine. Two undergraduates requiring sick care were sent to Faxton Hospital on Monday. The week's quarantine will, however, be lifted tomorrow.

Miss Amy Bliss, one of the regular nurses at the infirmary, is at present on leave of absence for about six weeks. Her place has been temporarily taken by Miss Marie Crawford of Utica..

Four Hill Men Debate U. S. Isolation Issue

Last evening four Hill debaters discussed the question: "Resolved, that the United States should follow a policy of strict (military and economic) isolation toward countries engaged in armed international or civil strife outside the Western Hemisphere". In an extention debate at Temple Beth-el in Utica, Hooke, '41, and Gordon, '42, upheld the proposition against Tupper, '40, and Watrous, '42.

Scribe, Totally Whacko, Has Campus Gloom Cure

According to Dr. Bonham, the Dark Ages of history existed roughly from about A.D. 400 to A.D. 800. During this period, political institutions, culture, architecture, and other features of a highly developed civilization took somewhat of a general beating. The solitary light of civilization was the progress of Christianity and the keeping alive of learning in the lonely monasteries.

According to the Hamilton undergraduate, the Dark Ages of history exist roughly from about the middle of February until about the first two days of spring vacation. During this period, life on the whole is pretty well down to the rind. Carnival's as far back as a last summer's ice cream cone, spring vacation seems as far ahead as the day when geology students study continental glaciation of the front doors of hell, the campus slush gurgles about one's chin as he plods his weary way to classes, and professors assume the proportion of Polyphemus, gently heaving hour quizzes with a fury which nearly swamps the Odysseus boat of a struggling Hamilton student.

Gloom plops down like the pallor of death, and the undergraduate wonders whether to go to sleep for a month or just flog along in a dreamy haze, flubbing a quiz here, a quiz there, and perhaps sticking out the ordeal until the golden gates of spring vacation drop open and admit him to the land of milk and honey (she certainly is).

Here is a situation. Truly, these days are the Dark Ages of Hamilton life. No more hockey, no more basketball, only a little more fencing, initiation's all over, there aren't even any finals to look forward to. Activity slows down to the pace of the Russian army in Finland, and the campus is as smileless as a Hitler concentration camp when all the guards have the seven-year itch..

But there is a way out of these doldrums—don't lose hope. Let us take a lesson from History, and see if somehow we can kick ourselves along until March 29.

And here is where the history comes in—civilization was kept alive in those four hundred years mainly by men who toiled weary days and nights in solitary monasteries, learning the ancient

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College Choir to Present Three Concerts on Tour

Mrs. B. A. Ratliff Lectures Tonight On C. F. Amidon

Associate Editor of Survey Graphic to Speak on Life of Father

Mrs. Beulah Amidon Ratliff, associate editor of the "Survey Graphic" and widely known writer and lecturer, is to be heard in the college chapel at 8 p. m. tonight. It is expected that Mrs. Ratliff will speak about the life and work of her father, Charles F. Amidon, '82.

Judge Amidon was born at Clymer, N. Y. in 1856 and entered Hamilton in '78. After being elected to Phi Beta Kappa, he graduated in '82 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. While in college Mr. Amidon was prominent in many activities, and was one of the founders of the Emerson Literary Society. Going to Fargo, N. D., after graduation, he became principal of a high school. During his principalship he studied law and after being admitted to the bar in '86, he gave up his school position and formed the law firm of Amidon and Bradley.

Three years later lawyer Amidon was appointed a city attorney for a two year period. In 1893 Mr. Amidon became a member of a committee whose task it was to revamp the worn out North Dakota statutes. It was from this work that Mr. Amidon gained his lifelong interest in simplifying the laws of this country.

In '96 President Cleveland appointed Amidon U. S. District Court Judge for North Dakota. Judge Amidon held this position until his retirement in 1928.

Alumnus Amidon was a close friend of Theodore Roosevelt, and together they worked on the problem of simplifying U. S. laws. Besides being one of the greatest authorities of the country on this problem of simplification, he was one of the originators of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Judge Amidon died December 26, 1937.

Fraternity Averages

First Semester, 1939-40

Lambda Chi Alpha	78.58
Squires	77.92
Emerson Literary Society	77.80
Tau Kappa Epsilon	76.74
Delta Upsilon	76.21
Sigma Phi	75.76
Psi Upsilon	74.23
Alpha Delta Phi	73.57
Theta Delta Chi	73.44
Chi Psi	72.71
Delta Kappa Epsilon	72.23
Class of 1940	79.26
Class of 1941	77.12
Class of 1942	73.91
Class of 1943	74.24
College	75.64

D. T. Niles Talks At E.L.S. House

Young Ceylonese Leader Speaks on Youth and Christian Faith

Speaking at the Emerson Literary Society Sunday afternoon, Daniel T. Niles, young Ceylonese Christian leader, told his audience, "We should look for what is unique in Christianity."

Mr. Niles, whose subject was "Youth and the Christian Faith in the World Today", went on to say that we should not try to find what Christianity has in common with other faiths, but should concentrate on its distinguishing characteristics.

Urging those present to follow Christ rather than a group of abstract ethical principles, Mr. Niles held that one cannot know Christ without knowing his teachings. The young Christian leader then went on to point out that "there are no atheists in the world, because everyone has something to which he gives supreme worth." Mr. Niles said that the "something" for him had been the life of Christ.

The lecture, sponsored by the College Church, was given in an informal manner, with a period for questions and comment following Mr. Niles' talk.

To Make Annual Trip To New York Area This Week-end

NO AIR PROGRAM

Recordings of Selections to Be Made During Each Day of Tour

The Hamilton College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Paul Adee Fancher and the management of Mr. Wallace B. Johnson, will make its annual trip to the metropolitan area this coming week-end. Concerts in Flushing, New York, and Caldwell, N. J., and three appointments at the United States Record Corporation have been arranged.

Last year, the Choir was fortunate in being able to broadcast on the Magic Key Hour, which originated in Radio City. This year, however, no arrangements for a broadcast were made.

Sixty students will leave the Hill at six-thirty Friday morning and travel by bus to Utica, where they will board a special car reserved for the members of the Choir. Soon after their arrival in New York, they have their first session at the U. S. R. C. studio.

Later in the afternoon, they catch the subway for Flushing, L. I., where they will give their first concert of the tour in St. George's Church. Most of the choir members will spend the night in Flushing or its vicinity.

Next on the schedule is another appointment at the U. S. R. C. studios in New York, Saturday morning at ten-thirty. After that, the singers will be on their own until four o'clock when they take buses from the Vanderbilt Avenue level to go to Essex Fells. They will there have their supper and an opportunity to dress for the

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'Old Joe' Searle Recalls Hamilton's Earlier Days

Because "Old Joe" Searle is one of the most familiar figures of Hamilton College, this reporter thought it a good idea if he were questioned on "the good old days."

In case you're not familiar with "Old Joe", he is renowned throughout the Oriskany Valley and on College Hill as a "caller" and violin-player for square dances. Beside playing at town dances, he has often entertained fraternities on the hill with his calling. Though eighty-four, Joe is still active, working in the fields during the summer and shoveling snow in the winter. In fact, he put the Teke House freshmen, across the road, to shame this winter by shoveling out his driveway and sidewalk before the combined efforts of the pledges accomplished their task.

Joe has a great stock of anecdotes about earlier days of the college. He says that part of his wonderful vitality is probably due to the fact that he used to carry coal into the dormitories in the days when the college had coal stoves in each room. According to Joe, he was paid $.25 a ton for coal delivered to the first floor, $.50 for second floor, $.75 for third floor, and $1.00 for fourth floor.

He also recalls various times when the undergraduates played some practical jokes on the administration. In particular, he remembers when they tied a cow in the belfry of the chapel, and another time when they tied a cow to the pulpit an hour or so previous to a Sunday chapel service!

The story which particularly appeals to "Old Joe" is the one about the somnambulist (sleep-walker to you). It seems that one of the students living in North Dormitory got an attack of this affliction one night and sleep-walked right out of a second-floor window! Because of the law of gravity, he woke up on the ground with one leg broken. During his convalescence, he received such a ribbing from the "Carpe Diem" of the eighties that, from then on, he engaged a room on the first floor!

Mrs. Searle, born Nancy Blake in what is now Professor Fancher's house, has even closer connection to the college than does Joe. Because her family was friendly with the parents of Elihu Root, she was named after Elihu's

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Allegheny to Be Here for Debate

Tupper, Klosson, and Zahn To Represent Hill In Contest

Hamilton's Student Forum of Current Events, which has hibernated for the past two months, will reappear on the college program again next week with an intercollegiate debate program between Hamilton and Allegheny on the isolation question at the Psi Upsilon house Wednesday evening at eight.

Returning to classical debate procedure, Hamilton will be represented by three debaters against a veteran Allegheny team on the question, "Resolved, That the United States Should Pursue a Policy of Isolation, both Economic and Military, Toward All Armed, Civil and International Conflicts Outside the Western Hemisphere."

Taking the negative side, Hamilton will be represented by Robert R. Tupper, Boris H. Klosson, '40, and William Zahn, '41.

The procedure next Wednesday night will include an advance speech by each participant, one rebuttal after each side, and a general discussion open to the audience.

The Forum, under the guidance of professors and undergraduates of the political science department, is also planning programs for April and May.

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We Write An Editorial

It was a horrifying letdown. For weeks ,nay, for years, we had harbored a secret passion to edit the paper, to write our opinions where at least a few people would see them, and to have the power to say what we pleased about what we pleased.

Then suddenly came the opportunity: turning the issue over to us, the editor said, "Sure, write your own editorials if you want." Then, as we sat down to unburden ourselves of the accumulation of likes and dislikes which we had kept buried for ages, we failed. We found suddenly that we had no desire to complain, to exhort, to praise, or to rant. We had in our hands the power to make a big splash, to say revolutionary and stirring things. But the desire to use that power was not there.

We suddenly understood what the editor is up against; we realized too that you can't please all the people any of the time. The futility of trying to do so dawned as an increasingly overwhelming truth. We saw suddenly that the editor of Ham Life hasn't a chance. We ourselves had bitterly criticized the recent editorial on the N. Y. A. A feeling of guilt swept over us as we pictured the editor at his desk racking his brain for something new, something vital to put into an editorial and lighting with joy on his condemnation of government cuts of N. Y .A. appropriations. We realized finally that his only reward is the pleasure he gets from turning a jumble of news into a fairly respectable paper, the pride that he feels as his paper comes rolling from the press.

So we said to ourselves, "Let's quit worrying about writing editorials and get back to the pleasant pain and boredom of writing heads, reading proof, and editing copy."

Still, Small Voice

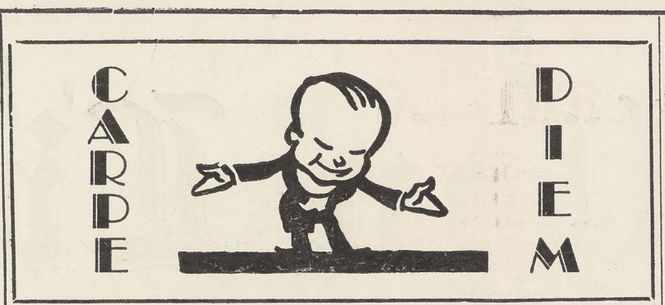
After we wrote the above combination of words (call it an editorial if you insist), we heard a still, small voice which demanded that we listen to what it had to say. It was our pet peeve crying to be heard in this our hour of opportunity. That little pest refused to let the chance of a lifetime slip through our fingers.

That still, small voice had cried out before, in fact it hounded us every time we went to morning Chapel. Every other weekday it would whisper fiendishly to us, as we sat in the fine old building beneath the clock which indicated the early morning hour. "Where are the faculty? Where are the faculty?" And we would look up at the sparsely filled pews which faced ours and fail to find an answer to the question.

When we admitted to ourselves that most of our professors and instructors were home enjoying the pleasure of an extra hour's sleep or the leisurely perusal of the paper before starting their work for the day, the faint but persistent voice spoke again. "Give them a cut. Give them a cut." It went on to say that it wasn't fair, that the inspiring services should be just as beneficial to faculty as to students. It even went so far as to argue that each member of the faculty should be limited to the fifteen cuts per semester which each student is allowed. We were willing to compromise on fifteen for the remainder of the present semester, but the voice refused.

We noticed the dean sitting in his appointed place, and we recalled that he was almost always to be found there. There were a few other familiar faces to be seen in the faculty pews, but there were many we missed.

We thought of the recent unexpected morning address by Poet MacNeice and of the announcement of the game to be played between the lower Squires and the lower Neutrals. We considered it a shame that our professors should miss such treasures, and we were unable to quiet the still, small voice.



WAR has come to the campus; not of bombs and smoke-screens, but of out-and-out dirty looks and third-class innuendoes. It seems that the Geology department's pride and joy, a petrified tree trunk, was taken for an everyday leaf-dropper by the Rogers' dog, and so. . .At last report, no one has yet won the flag of victory, but the battle of Geology versus Biology rages on, unmindful of non-combatants behind the exhibit cases.

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Bud Gourley has been pretty quiet these last few days, but he flashes back into the scene with his question on the essentials of Economics. Prof. Patton was talking about the results of cross-breeding, and was discussing the combination of quack-grass and wheat, when all of a quick, our hero raised his hand, and asked, in tones stentorian, "Sir, might that be the source from which they obtain 'quacked' wheat?" Mr. Patton's reply is not recorded.

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Some people don't read **Ham Life** as carefully as they ought, and so missed what we thought was the best bit in a long time. Harrie Price, in the infirm with alternating hot fevers, and chills, in order that the nurses could come a-runnin' with the right utensils when things started happening, arranged to push his buzzer for notification, two rings for a freeze, and three for a thaw.

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Murray Gardner has picked up a new nickname, "Redskin." The "Stringy Rat" Hole was the originator, Aurora was the scene of the historic event, and the cause a touch of red war-paint high on the cheek-bone. Just another feather in his scalp-piece. Whoops!

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During the discussion following a Ham Coll debate last evening in Utica, a high school lassie majoring in speech labelled Mr. Marsh, who presided, as "tense" and somewhat nervous. We're not majoring in speech, but we've got a feeling that Professor Marsh had his speech well in hand and delivered it in a flowing manner like water from the bung of a barrel.

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Alf Langdon really has a good case of laryngitis, but he says that the only way it bothers him is in its making it impossile for him to "ride the grinder," cause though he's strong enough to look at the car without weeping, to hear it without flinching, and to think of it without weakening, he will not, and can not, drive the darned thing without cussin'.

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One guy in Psych class, not quite able to struggle with the powers of reflexes, was just starting to nibble the salt, but then dropped his book, broke his pencil, and almost blew a gasket taking notes, after Mr. Blyth said, looking directly at him, 'Suppose you sit on a tack! Uh. . .now there you **have** a reflex."

FORUM

Dear Mr. Editor:

In your absence last week, one of the apprentices got hold of your editorial broomstick and proceded to let it get loose in doing some potent work. Whether it went out of hand or not is a matter of personal opinion. But in all fairness to the men involved, it is fitting that an answer be made to the implication that Was Los has ecome a lifeless and useless body for its failure to supply Hamilton men with the charms of Wells companionship during the dead of winter. The point of the article was well-enough taken, but in using this as an example, the editorial struck a dissonance.

Our contact here with Wells is strong as it ever was, but as far as any dance during the winter is concerned we're out of luck. Between Thanksgiving and spring recess, all intercollegiate migrations from there are forbidden. That leaves us with a limited number of possible party dates. At no time has there been more than two college dances with them per year. Fraternity dances do not come in the same category.

As for Skidmore girls, we can't have them up unless we provide them with overnight lodgings. There the dance idea takes on houseparty proportions. Sure Mr. Editor, we do have monastic tendencies here, but that's not completely our fault, it must be admitted.

Meanwhile our party ambitions will soon thaw into life again, you may rest assured of that. Be patient. With spring comes hope for us.

Bill Eddy
Ed Abbey
Bill Weeden
Larry Miller
Joe Mangan
Jack Williams

Five Seniors Speak Before Biology Club

The Biology Club met last Friday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Dr. Hess.

The meeting consisted of five speeches given by the members of the club. John A. L. Thomas, 40, spoke on Metallic Elements and Blood Formation; Murray D. Shepp, '40, on Sex Hormones and Their Effect on Bodily Functions; George F. Nevin, '40, on Dental the club. John A. L. Thomas, '40, on Cancer and Tumorous Growths; and Robert L. Bacon, '40, gave a talk on his findings of the last two years in his research on the earthworm.

A general discussion followed, during which refreshments were served. The meeting was over at 10:30.

Editor's note: We regret the extensive cuts in copy required by lack of space, and feel the letter by D. R. C. is quite timely and thought-provoking.

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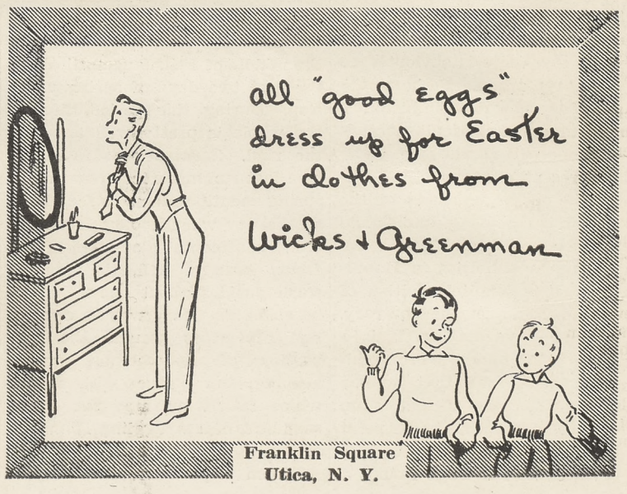

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Sport Notes

By Lloyd Knox, '41

Out of a maze of arms and legs came a puck propelled from stick of Chamberlain of Williams. Remis made a valiant try for it, but the disc slipped into the nets for the lone counter of Saturday night's hockey game. The Williams' jinx still had the hex on Hamilton.

To single out any one Hamilton man for special praise is difficult, because they were all great and we are proud of them. Captain Murray Gardner, Tommy Bush, and Gar Hole had to be good to keep the quick thrusts of the Williams offense in check. Steve Remis played a magnificent game, stopping many shots which seemed impossible to keep out of the nets. Sonny Dale, Walt Rogers, Bob Merriman, Gordy Hayes tried their best to crack the stonewall defense of the Williams men, but when they did, Lady Luck refused to smile on their efforts to score.

It was a heart-breaker to lose, but the team wound up a great season by giving the Ephmen a battle they will long remember.

Two losses, one to Rochester and the other to Hobart, made the Hill basketball record for the year look bad, but do not forget that the games we played this year were against the best small college teams in the east. Remember also that the Buff and Blue gave Swarthmore and Rochester, the two outstanding teams, a tough scrap until the final quarter when the old bugaboo, height, had its devastating effect.

Next year will see the basketball team embarking on a new era. They will really have a chance to do something in the new gym. Here's hoping they click next year, and can pile up a nice record.

Hockey Team Loses Final Battle to Williams

Winning Streak Broken By Purple Skaters During Close Game, 1-0

The Hamilton College hockey team completed its regular schedule with the traditional battle against Williams last Saturday night, losing by the close score of 1-0. This was the first setback of the year suffered on home ice at the hands of another college sextet, but it didn't lessen the fact that this Continental team is one of the best that ever wore the buff and blue. Previous to this game, the Hill squad had won eight consecutive intercollegiate contests.

The Williams game proved to be one of the most thrilling encounters of the year. Both teams played excellent hockey and only the super-playing of both goalies kept the scores down. In the first period, the Purple skaters carried the play, and there was no concerted drive by the Hamiltonians to score.

The second period however, found the Continentals skating hard, and the puck was in the Williams territory for the better part of the twenty minutes. Taking the puck from behind his own cage on one such occasion, Wells of the Williams team carried it deep into Hamilton territory before he passed to Hyde on the right. Goalie Remis then stopped three Williams' shots perfectly, but he had to go down on the ice for the last one. It was then that Hyde grabbed the puck and passed to Chamberlain, the latter easily finding the open cage in 14.03.

The rest of the game saw a fighting Buff and Blue team vainly trying to get past goalie Egelhoff of the Purple. Many occasions for tallying presented themselves, but the hard checking of the visitors kept the Hamiltonians scoreless.

For Hamilton, the six seniors who were playing their final game gave an exhibition of flawless work. In the nets, Remis kept the

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HOCKEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Individual Scoring

	Goals	Assists	Points
Dale	14	3	17
Joy	5	4	9
Hayes	6	3	9
Merriman	6	2	8
Gardner	5	1	6
Keefe	3	3	6
Rogers	4	1	5
Bush	3	—	3
Hole	2	—	2
Miller	1	—	1
	49	17	66

Scores

	Visitor	Hamilton
St. Lawrence	1	2
Duquesne	1	5
Middlebury	2	6
Union	0	3
Syracuse	3	11
Clinton H. C.	6	5
Victoria	3	7
Springfield	3	4
Cornell	3	6
Williams	1	0
	23	49

Union Swamped by Gelasmen, 21-6; Cornell Fencers Invade Hill Next

Foilsmen Overwhelm Foe, Clinch 8 of 9 Bouts; Warfield Stars

The Hamilton college fencers won their second intercollegiate fencing meet of the season when they swamped Union on the Hill last Saturday.

Captain Warfield started the proceedings by taking his first match. Union then tied the score once when Williford lost the next foils match, 4-5. Hereupon Hamilton scored seven straight victories at foil.

There is no meet scheduled for this Saturday, but the fencers take on Cornell on March 16.

The results of the Union Meet: Foil—8-1. Warfield, Hamilton, beat Herman, 5-2; Bakal, 5-3; and Rixon, 5-1; Wieder, Hamilton beat Rixon, 5-3, Herman, 5-2 and Bakal, 5-2; Williford, Hamilton, beat Rixon, 5-1; and Herman, 5-2; Bakal, Union, beat Williford, 5-4.

Epee, 6-3—Thompson, Hamilton beat Moore, 2-1; and Kimmey, 2-1; Kelly, Hamilton beat Moore, 2-1, and tied Rixon, 1-1; Berkowitz, Hamilton beat Kimmey, 2-1; and Rixon, 2-1; Gillmore, Hamilton, tied Rixon, 1-1, Kimmey, Union beat Kelly, 2-0; Moore, Union, beat Berkowitz, 2-0.

Saber, 7-2—Warfield, Hamilton, beat Gertz, 5-3; Fisher, 5-0; and Birdsall, 5-2; Doremus, Hamilton, beat Birdsall, 5-1; and Eisner, 5-3; Moon, Hamilton, beat Eisner, 5-2, Adair, Hamilton, beat Fischer, 5-0; Gertz, Union, beat Moon, 5-3; and La Force, 5-2.

Hobart, Rivermen Beat Cagers; Records Set in Rochester Game

Hillmen Lose 46-36, 71-50; U. of R. Score Is Highest Ever Made There

Last week-end the Hill quintet played Hobart and Rochester on their respective courts and lost both games by the scores of 46-36 and 71-50. The games were marked by the excellent work of the seniors who were playing their last basketball for Hamilton.

Friday night's game with Hobart was fairly close and found the Webermen handicapped by a strange court. Forbush tallied seventeen points. Henry was next with ten tallies to his credit. When Hobart came here earlier in the season, the score of the game was close with Hamilton gaining a 37-32 victory.

The game at Rochester was remarkable for several reasons. Davis, playing his final game for Buff and Blue, topped off an excellent string of contests by getting 21 points; Forbush followed with 11 tallies. The most unusual aspect of the game was the high figure which the total score reached. Ordinarily Hamilton's 50 points would be enough to beat even the highly-touted Rochester five—in fact, it was the highest score made at Rochester by an opponent this year. But the Rivermen also established a season record of 71 tallies, the most they gained in any single game this year. When Rochester invaded the Hill earlier in the season they took home a 46-30 victory over a hard-fighting Weberman five; when the Hillmen returned the visit, they showed up extremely well even on the large court. Collett of Rochester was high scorer of the game with 25 points, but the Webermen's final game of the season was one of which they could be proud.

Hamilton

	G	F	T
Forbush	8	1	17
Geer	0	0	0
Keane	1	1	3
Davis	2	0	4
Henry	4	2	10
Williams	0	0	0
Young	0	0	0
Sacket	1	0	2
	16	4	36

Hobart

	G	F	T
Welker	4	1	9
Ferris	4	0	8
Popalisky	6	1	13
Webber	4	2	10
Dobbin	2	0	4
Clemmens	1	0	4
	21	4	46

	1	2	3	4
Hamilton	8	15	28	36
Hobart	20	33	49	60

Hamilton

	G	F	T
Keane	0	0	0
Young	1	1	3
VanDeusen	1	0	2
Williams	0	0	0
Davis	10	1	21
Forbush	5	1	11
Sacket	3	0	6
Henry	3	1	7
Geer	0	0	0
	23	4	50

Rochester

	G	F	T
Collett	10	5	25
Springer	0	0	0
Ulrech	2	0	4
Lord	3	0	6
Brewer	6	6	18
Zimerman	0	0	0
Roberts	3	2	8
Woods	0	0	0
Quaint	5	1	10
Miller	0	0	0
Kelly	0	0	0
Bruckel	0	0	0
	29	13	71

Basketball Facts and Figures

Individual Scoring

Davis	48	16	112
Henry	35	16	86
Fobrush	34	10	78
Keane	20	9	49
Williams	20	6	46
Sacket	11	4	26
Young	7	8	22
Geer	7	2	16
VanDeusen	5	2	12
Weeden	2	0	4
Cady	1	0	2
	188	73	453

Game Scores

	Opp.	Hamilton
Brooklyn Poly	32	34
Albany State	45	40
Swarthmore	49	35
Rochester	46	30
Hobart	32	37
Haverford	35	45
Union	63	39
R. P. I.	53	43
Stevens Inst.	37	28
Allegheny	60	36
Hobart	46	36
Rochester	71	50
	569	453

Sidewalk Superintendent Says . . .

The bleachers are in and over 700 people can now seat themselves around the main court of the baskbetball room in the new gym. Material was delivered early last week, and workmen assembled the stands during the week. They are designed ingeniously so that they may be pushed back against the walls and then locked into position. The uprights all move back on rollers while crossmembers telescope together. Planks forming seats and footrests automatically fold upward so as to form a wooden wall between the basketball floor and the folded steel uprights.

Final trimmings have in great part been put into the gym. Brass handrails on the front hall stairways, and brass thresholds on many doors were installed during the past week. Blackboards, and bulletin boards which have been up for several weeks have been fitted with aluminum frames. Fittings on doors and windows are all in throughout the building.

We found, however, that the electricians have been holding the limelight during the last few days. They have been busy this week, now that circuit breaker boards, meters, and transformers have been rigged up, with putting in wires. When walls and ceiling were built, electric conduit pipes were put in, but these pipes contained no wires. Work was exceptionally complicated where the wires all came into the main circuit breakers. Here we found literally hundreds of wires all converging on the two main boards and we secretly congratulate ourselves on not having to untangle the mass. We read the meters and found that so far only 19 kilowatt hours had been used. We wondered whether there was something wrong with the metering system of the Utica Gas and Electric Co., but found that meters in this building only measure a fraction of the current used, and that the actual amount consumed is determined by multiplying the meter reading by some mysterious figure that Gas and Electric cooks up for its customers.

The Clue that Trapped the Heirs of Huey Long

ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 7, 1939, a hot tip came in to the city desk of the New Orleans States, evening newspaper sister of the famous Times-Picayune.

When a truck drove up before a half-built house in the suburbs and began unloading window sash, the States' photographer was hiding behind a hedge. The picture he got touched off a string of giant firecrackers that blew hundreds of Louisiana politicos out of the public trough.

▶ For the license plate proved that the truck belonged to Louisiana State University—and the half-built house belonged to the wife of a colonel on the governor's staff. Just a drop in the bucket of graft that the political heirs of Huey Long had been passing around for years. But the first case that could be proved—libelproof, airtight.

That night 64-year-old Jim Crown, the States' fighting editor, sat down on his bed and sobbed—reaction from months without respite in the front-line editorial trenches. "At last we get a break!"

▶ With the fuse once lit, the firecrackers kept popping around the cowering Longsters. Three men committed suicide; more than 200 faced federal and state indictments. It had been a great spree, but thanks to the battling Picayune papers, it was all over.

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When Jim Crown strides around his office, dictating editorials at the top of his leather lungs, Greeley and Dana keep step with him. Pulitzer and Nast pound him on the back. And through him William Lloyd Garrison speaks again: "I am in earnest. I will not equivocate; I will not excuse; I will not retreat a single inch; and I will be heard!"

▶ Courage is probably, next to truth, the greatest quality that a newspaper can have. For the world abounds in forces, actions, events, and people before which neither man, nor newspaper, nor the Newsmagazine, can be coldly objective. Silence, indifference, genteel or amiable omissions are not true impartiality—they are just what the forces of corruption or stupidity want, the broth in which they thrive.

▶ TIME has never believed that icy indifference or "pure objectivity" is either possible or desirable in news reporting. Any colorful, humanized story contains something of the mental attitudes and judgments of the men who wrote and edited it.

But over and above this is the sense of heightened responsibility that characterizes these times, as it has other periods of crisis. These days are big with destiny for our country and the world. And the Newsmagazine in this era has a deep and peculiar responsibility. It is, in a sense, the national newspaper; it has the same obligation to all the people of the U. S. that the best dailies feel toward the people of their cities. That obligation means more than finding and condemning the things that are wrong. It also means finding and supporting the things that are right.

▶ It's not so easy as it sounds. The world of right and wrong dresses in shades of gray. The pepper-and-salt of ordinary human nature . . . the protective coloration of the rascal . . . the unprepossessing garments that can hide a clean white motive.

▶ Studying that gray crowd-picture, penetrating its disguises, throwing a searchlight here and an X-ray there, is part of TIME's job. TIME queries its reporters and correspondents again and again: "What's behind this? *Who's* behind it? Give us the background." TIME listens to people—all kinds of people, with all kinds of causes and crusades—balances their ideas against events, against knowledge, horse sense, and plain old American morals.

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COLLEGE CHOIR—

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concert at Caldwell High School in Caldwell, N. J.

Sunday will be spent entirely in New York, work starting at eleven o'clock with a final session at the recording studio. Then at four in the afternoon, the Choir will make its last concert of the trip in the Jade Room of the Waldorf-Astoria. After the appearance in the Jade Room, the choir will board a special car for the trip to Utica.

The solo work will be handled by three men—T. F. O'Donnell, B. C. Holman, and C. R. Gibbs—who are all first tenors. Mr. J. Roosevelt Jones, a well-known pianist and teacher in Utica, will accompany the Choir during its recitals.

Mr. Fancher has carefully arranged a program which will be given at all the concerts execpt one. At Flushing, the last selection of the list (The Reapers' Song) will be replaced by a less secular piece, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee".

'OLD JOE' SEARLE—

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mother, Mrs. Nancy Root.

Mr. Peter Blake, Mrs. Searle's father, came here from Ireland and accepted the position of college bursar, then known as Professor Munditiae. His job was later taken over by his son, Frank Blake.

When the Blakes lived at the Fancher home, the observatory was next door. Mrs. Searle remembers how her mother used to make coffee for Professor Peters, the German astronomy professor, who came over about midnight every night for the refreshment. She also can remember the creaking of the beehive dome of the observatory during the night as it turned in pursuit of the stars.

Mrs. Searle first came to know Elihu Root by carrying milk to his home. They both attended the little school on the hill just above the college, and later Mrs. Searle taught there. She and Elihu became close enough friends so that she was mentioned several times in his biography and quoted as an authority on his life.

GLOOM CURE—

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truths and educating their fellow men to carry on the light of knowledge.

We ought to get down on our pusses and kiss the ground here—we ought to cuddle our books as if we were to marry them in a few years. For here, while the general outlook is, speaking fairly candidly, putrid, we still have the one thing to carry us through—knowledge and learning.

We have our books, we have plenty of time, we have no other activities to hinder our pursuit of the greater truths of centuries. Again, we must be thankful. In this period of darkness, in this passage through the valley of the shadow of slush, the only wind left to blow us out of the doldrums is the wind of knowledge. Let us hop to our books, let us grind the printed page, for now is the time when learning can make all life look bright.

HOCKEY COMPARISON—

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mass of figures and data that Coach Prettyman has collected since the season of 1922-23, it was discovered that Captain Gardner's outfit shares honors with the sextet of 1923-24, 1924-25, and 1933-34 for winning nine games in one season; and with the teams of 1923-24 and 1924-25 for playing thirteen games in one season.

Other important data revealed that the season just completed, with nine wins and four defeats for an average of .692, was the sixth best on record, and the best since 1934-35 when the Continentals averaged .778 with nine wins and two losses. The most successful season is credited to the team of 1930-31 which chalked up seven victories to but a single loss for a percentage of .875.

The present contingent registered the third highest total of goals netted in one season. Only the seasons of 1923-24 with 60 goals, and the following year with 56 exceed the present total of 49 counters.

Further statistics show that in 18 seasons of hockey for which records are available, Hamilton has played in 174 contests, winning 105, losing 65, and tying four for an all-time average of .603. During this period, the teams rammed home 606 goals for an average of 33.4 goals per season, and 3.48 goals per game.

In this 18-year period, Hamilton has met 34 different hockey aggregations, 31 of which were collegiate teams. The "most-persistent-opponent" honors go to Union who has tackled the Continentals 15 times, Williams with 14 games, Middlebury with 12, Colgate with 11, and Cornell with 10 contests.

Oddities in the records were not hard to find. For instance: (1) In 1926 Hamilton and Clarkson fought it out tooth and nail for the standard number of periods (no mention made of overtimes), and the score wound up at 5-5. The record shows that the officials awarded the game to Hamilton by a forfeit, 1-0; but neglects to give the reason. Coach Prettyman explained to the **Life** reporter that Clarkson refused to play in an overtime, so, according to the rules, the game was given to Hamilton. (2) In 1931-32 the team had the unfortunate experience of watching seven of its scheduled contests disappear beneath the slushy ice of the Sage rink. This number of cancellations is almost half of the all-time total of 18. (3) Hamilton tackled Williams four times in the season of 1933-34, and emerged the victor in three of the contests. (4) In 1927 Dartmouth swamped the Continentals, 13-1. In the same season, the Buff and Blue dumped St. Lawrence by the same score. These two games represent the highest number of goals ever scored by a Hamilton team in one game, and the most goals ever scored by an opponent against Hamilton in one game. (5) The season of 1936-37 was a lean year for the goal-hungry spectators. Only nine tallies were registered in that season to set an all-time low. Close behind is 1931-32 with ten to its credit.

Miscellaneous figures tabulated in a fever of pencil-pushing show that two teams tie for the doubtful honor of scoring the least victories in one season. In 1931-32 the sextet won two out of four games played, and in 1936-37 the pucksters garnered but two wins out of eight contests, and thereby tied the teams of 1922-23, 1928-29, and 1938-39 for the title of the most games lost in one season—six. In contrast to the latter, the aggregation of 1930-31 lost the least number of games in recorded history—one.

HOCKEY—

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score down to an absolute minimum, the Williams tally coming when he was unable to prevent it. At the defense positions, Gardner, Bush, and Hole again showed that they will be greatly missed next year, while Merriman and Rogers again displayed fine team work on the first line.

There can exist no doubt that Sonny Dale spelled victory for Hamilton this season. Making a total of 17 points to take high scoring honors, Dale was outstanding in every game played here this year. Captain Murray Gardner also was an outstanding figure on this sextet. Playing 620 minutes out of a possible 630, our "iron man" not only played a stalwart defense, but his frequent dashes down the ice often brought the crowd to its feet as he sent a bullet shot into the opponents' nets. Gordy Hayes, Bill Joy, Steve Remis, Tom Bush, Gar Hole, Bob Merriman, Howard Keefe, Walt Rogers, Larry Miller, and Royd Lutz must also be commended for their excellent playing throughout the season.

The outstanding showing of the Hamilton skaters this year is only heightened by the fact that coach Prettyman's charges had many reverses due to injuries, sickness, and ineligibility. Such stalwarts as Bush, Remis, Joy, Hole, and "Shorty" Nichols were out for as many as five games, making it necessary for the rest of the team to play doubly hard in order to win.

The summaries:

Williams		Hamilton
Egelhoff	G	Remis
Holmes	RD	Bush
Rice	LD	Gardner
Head	C	Rogers
Wells	RW	Keefe
Tailor	LW	Merriman

Spares: Hamilton—Hayes, Miller, Dale, Hole, Nichols. Williams—Conant, Hyde, Chamberlain, Daly, Stewart, Hannock. Swain, Brothwell, Gillette.

First Period—No scoring, no penalties.

Second Period—Scoring, Williams, Chamberlain (Hyde), 14:03. Penalties, Williams, Wells (tripping).

Third Period—No scoring. Penalties, Williams, Conant (tripping), Rice (throwing puck).

WRITER SUGGESTS—

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really original suggestion, although the paper will point out what few open letters it receives. The Gaboon might with a lot of very hard work reach some position of power, but there is as small a hope as there are signs of effort at present.

Therefore, in view of such a situation, the following could be the answer. Merge the two publications. Change the make-up of **Ham Life** to tabloid size and insert a sheet of cartoons, news and candid camera pictures, humorous and satirical articles and editorials, and any creative effort either offered or solicited that the college can produce. The new make-up for **Ham Life** would offer as much, if not more possibilities of interesting style variation. The only features supplemented would be Carpe, The Editor's Desk, and possibly Collegiana, and they would be considered glorified and enlarged in the scope of the new publication. In a word the publication would partake of the the "Collegiate Digest", "Time", and "Life"—for exclusive Hamilton College benefit. I do not think it any exaggeration to say that such a publication could wield an enormous and formative influence for that much-needed originality of thought, action, and expression, provided it were run by a staff that had ideas and ambition, and kept itself up-to-date and ready to go.

Prehaps **Ham Life** might wake up, even now, and start a column of revolutionary comment. Perhaps the editor's muse might descend from its Olympia on top of Silliman Hall and mingle with the herd beneath? Perhaps someone will answer this letter in next week's issue. Ling Poo, another pipe!

D. R. C.

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